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#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:29 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2606. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and belted programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 559. An act to designate the Federal building located at 33 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building."

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills and joint resolutions were read the first and second time by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1663. An act to recognize National Medal of Honors sites in California, Indiana, and South Carolina; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 764. An act to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, and for other purposes, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.J. Res. 65. Joint resolution commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### MEASURE PLACE ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time and placed on the calendar.

S. 1692. A bill to amend title 18, Untied States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5502. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5503. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5504. A communication from the Chairman, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1998 annual report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5505. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5506. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Depart-

ment of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, a report relative to Indonesia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5507. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the International Fund for Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5508. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the People's Counsel Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 1997"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5509. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the Public Service Commission Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 1997"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5510. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the People's Counsel Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5511. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the Public Service Commission Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 1998"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5512. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Observed Weaknesses in the District's Early Out Retirement Incentive Program"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5513. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Chronology of the Steps Through Which the Tentative Agreement Between the Washington Teachers Union AFT Local #6, AFL-CIO and the District of Columbia Public Schools Passed"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5514. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Auditors Review of Unauthorized Transactions Pertaining to ANC 1A"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5515. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Auditors Review of Unauthorized and Improper Transactions of ANC 7C's Chairperson"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5516. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Change in Survey Cycle for the Southwest Michigan Appropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-A168), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5517. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Eastern South Dakota and Wyoming Appropriated Fund Wage Areas" (RIN3206-A174), received October 4, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5518. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5519. A communication from the Chairman and CEO, Chemical Safety and Hazard

Investigation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the annual inventory of agency activities which could be considered for performance by the private sector; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5520. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory of the Department; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5521. A communication from the Architect of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5522. A communication from the Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5523. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5524. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5525. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5526. A communication from the President, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5527. A communication from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-361. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin relative to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-362. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of State of California relative to war crimes committed by the Japanese military during World War II; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

Whereas, Our nation is founded on democratic principles that recognize the vigilance with which fundamental individual human rights must be safeguarded in order to preserve freedom; and

Whereas, This resolution condemns all violations of the international law designed to safeguard fundamental human rights as embodied in the Geneva and Hague Conventions; and

Whereas, This resolution vociferously condemns all crimes against humanity and at the same time condemns the actions of those who would use this resolution to further an agenda that fosters anti-Asian sentiment and racism, or Japan "bashing," or otherwise fails to distinguish between Japan's war

criminals and Americans of Japanese ancestry; and

Whereas, Since the end of World War II, Japan has earned its place as an equal in the society of nations, yet the Government of Japan has failed to fully acknowledge the crimes committed during World War II and to provide reparations to the victims of those crimes; and

Whereas, While high ranking Japanese government officials have expressed personal apologies, supported the payment of privately funded reparations to some victims, and modified some textbooks, these efforts are not adequate substitutes for an apology and reparations approved by the Government of Japan; and

Whereas, The need for an apology sanctioned by the Government of Japan is underscored by the contradictory statements and actions of Japanese government officials and leaders of a "revisionist" movement who openly deny that war crimes took place, defend the actions of the Japanese military, seek to remove the modest language included in textbooks, and refuse to cooperate with United States Department of Justice efforts to identify Japanese war criminals; and

Whereas, During World War II, 33,587 United States military and 13,966 civilian prisoners of the Japanese military were confined in inhumane prison camps where they were subjected to forced labor and died of unmentionable deaths; and

Whereas, The Japanese military invaded Nanking, China, from December 1937 until February 1938, during the period known as the "Rape of Nanking," and brutally slaughtered, in ways that defy description, by some accounts as many as 300,000 Chinese men, women, and children and raped more than 20,000 women, adding to a death toll that may have exceeded millions of Chinese; and

Whereas, The people of Guam and the Marshall Islands, during the Japanese occupation from 1941-1944, were subjected to unmentionable acts of violence, including forced labor and marches, and imprisonment by the Japanese military during its occupation of these islands; and

Whereas, Three-fourths of the population in Port Blair on Andaman Islands, India, were exterminated by Japanese troops between March 1942 and the end of World War II; many were tortured to death or forced into sexual slavery at "comfort stations," and crimes beyond description were committed on families and young children; and

Whereas, at the February 1945 "Battle of Manila," 100,000 men, women, and children were killed by Japanese armed forces in inhumane ways, adding to a total death toll that may have exceeded one million Filipinos during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, which began in December 1941 and ended in August 1945; and

Whereas, At least 260 of the 1,500 United States prisoners, including many Californians, believed to have been held at Mukden, Manchuria, died during the first winter of their imprisonment and many of the 300 living survivors of Mukden claim to suffer from physical ailments resulting from their subjection to Japanese military chemical and biological experiments; and

Whereas, The Japanese military enslaved millions of Koreans, Chinese, Filipinos, and citizens from other occupied or colonized territories during World War II, and forced hundreds of thousands of women into sexual slavery for Japanese troops; and

Whereas, The International Commission of Jurists, a nongovernmental organization (NGO) in Geneva, Switzerland, ruled in 1993 that the Government of Japan should pay reparations of at least \$40,000 for the "extreme pain and suffering" caused to each woman who was forced into sexual slavery

by the Japanese military (referred by the Japanese military as "comfort women"), yet none of these women have been paid any compensation by the Government of Japan: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California urges the Government of Japan to finally bring closure to concerns relating to World War II by doing both of the following:

(1) Formally issuing a clear and unambiguous apology for the atrocious war crimes committed by the Japanese military during World War II.

(2) Immediately paying reparations to the victims of those crimes, including, but not limited to, United States military and civilian prisoners of war, the people of Guam and the Marshall Islands, who were subjected to violence and imprisonment, the survivors of the "Rape of Nanking" from December 1937 until February 1938, and the women who were forced into sexual slavery and known by the Japanese military as "comfort women"; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislature of the State of California calls upon the United States Congress to adopt a similar resolution that follows the spirit and letter of this resolution calling on the Government of Japan to issue a formal apology and pay reparations to the victims of its war crimes during World War II; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Legislature of the State of California requests that the President of the United States take all appropriate action to further bring about a formal apology and reparations by the Government of Japan to the victims of its war crimes during World War II; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each California Member of the Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

POM-363. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio relative to the proposed Medicaid primary care safety net preservation legislation; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-364. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to the California film industry; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Whereas, The film industry is a major contributor to the California economy. It was one of the main drivers of the California comeback as the state recovered from the protracted recession of 1991, however, other countries aggressively promote incentives for filming outside of California. This competition translates into a significant share of tax revenue that is not directed to California. According to published estimates by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), every one percent of entertainment jobs in California represents about \$9 million in state tax revenue; and

Whereas, The MPAA also notes that most forecasts predict that the demand for motion picture, television, and commercial products will increase. The issue is whether the future economic activity that this growth may generate will occur in California or elsewhere; and

Whereas, The film industry has a significant effect on other industries, including the multimedia industry, tourism, toys, games, and industries that perpetuate the "California look" in apparel and furniture manufacturing. This is part of the residual effect of the film industry; and

Whereas, The enormity of the film industry makes it an important contributor of tax revenue to this state; and

Whereas, While there is an abundance of available labor in the film industry in the Los Angeles region, many below-the-line union workers are currently unemployed; and

Whereas, Canada is enticing entertainment industry jobs out of this country by offering significant tax credits to United States production companies. This practice is resulting in less work for American film crews as more and more movies, TV series, sitcoms, mini-series, etc. are being relocated there; and

Whereas, A continued exodus of motion picture and television production to foreign countries such as Canada will not only eliminate thousands of well-paying jobs, it will mean the United States will lose a growing and very lucrative industry that it created: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to evaluate the problems caused by relocating film industry business to Canada and other foreign nations, to evaluate the current state and federal tax incentives provided to the film industry, and to promote trade-related legislation that will persuade the film industry to remain in California; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate of the United States, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1398. A bill to clarify certain boundaries on maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (Rept. No. 106-171).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 769. A bill to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for the construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam (Rept. No. 106-172).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 986. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority (Rept. No. 106-173).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1030. A bill to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws (Rept. No. 106-174).

S. 1211. A bill to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner (Rept. No. 106-175).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1288. A bill to provide incentives for collaborative forest restoration projects on National Forest System and other public lands